

REMARKS

STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application.

Claims 9 and 15 are allowed.

Claims 1-6, 10-12, 16 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meltzer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,391).

Claims 7, 8, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Meltzer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,125,391) in view of Fields et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,128,655).

Independent claims are 1, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17, of which independent claims 9 and 15 are allowed.

Independent claims 1 and 10 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice. Dependent claims 6, 8, 12, and 14 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice.

Dependent claims 2-5, 7, 11 and 13 are amended to depend from allowed independent claims 9 and 15, respectively.

Independent computer readable recording medium type claims 16 and 17 are amended along the lines of allowed independent system claims 9 and 15.

Therefore, the claim amendments place the application in condition for allowance with remaining pending claims 2-5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16 and 17 being allowable.

CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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